

MUSLIM WORLD MOVING TOWARDS UNITY

Grand Mufti addresses Press conference Feb 19, 1957

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The Grand Mufti of Palestine said in Karachi yesterday that the Muslim world has moved towards greater unity during the last one year. The recent happenings in Iran and Egypt, he said, were the signs of that awakening in the Muslim world.



TO unite Pak ulema?

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The Grand Mufti of Palestine is believed to be trying to unite all the different Ulema of Pakistan, under the banner of Entifat-o-Ulema-el-Islam.

The Mufti was understood to be negotiating with Maulana Badayuni, President Jamiyat-e-Ulema-e-Pakistan, to secure participation of the Jamiyat in the World Ulema Conference.

The Jast-e-Islami of Maulana Moududi was also been invited to attend the conference.

Questioned at a Press conference about the projected tour of the Pakistan Foreign Minister, Chaudhry Zafarullah Khan to the Middle Eastern countries, he said: "I am sure, all Muslim countries will welcome him whole-heartedly."

Asked about the achievement of the Motamar-e-Alim-e-Islami, and efforts it had made to help Muslim countries the Grand Mufti said that the Motamar did not claim ability to solve the problems of the Muslim world. Its role was to educate the world opinion.

The responsibility to solve the problems was not of the Motamar but of the United Nations which is composed

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of almost all the Governments of the world", he added.

The Grand Mufti said that there was "no conflict" between the Motamar and the Entifat-o-Ulema-el-Islam. The President of the Entifat, Maulana Syed Sulaiman Nadvi, on behalf of the Grand Mufti said that the appeal of the Motamar was based on culture while that of the Entifat was on religion. The Entifat, he added, aimed at popularising Islamic ideology and outlook on life and to bring various schools of Islamic thought together.

The Grand Mufti refused to comment on the Muslim Peoples' Organisation founded by Chaudhry Khaliquzzaman, saying that he had not met Chaudhry Sahib as yet.

In reply of another question he said that he did not intend to tour Pakistan after the Ulema Conference was over. "I have come to attend the Entifat", he said.